CITY MATTERS.

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Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV.,
Room 26, First National Bank,
PITTSBURGH, PA., June 20, 1876.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum	WIND. Dir.	WIND. Force.	Weath.
7 A. M.	29.932	66	59	S.	Fresh.	Clear.
2 P. M.	29.840	75	38	W.	Fresh.	Fair.
9 P. M.	29.894	61	71	S.	Fresh.	Clear.

Mean barometer..29.89 | Highest thermom....80
Mean thermom ... 65.7 | Lowest thermom....60
Rainfall............ 0.18

Division No. 20, A. O. H.

This division will have a Centennial June festival on Thursday, 22d inst., at Castle Shannon Grove. The music will be furnished by the Empire Quadrille Band, with Christy and Henderson as prompters, which are guarantees that the dancing portion of the programme will be carried out in good style. The affair is in the hands of the following Committee of Arrangements, who will spare no pains to make it a grand success: Messrs. Thomas Kilkarry, James P. O'Neill, M. Clarke, P. Parker, M. Nicholas, James McGeary, Frank Kelly.

Colonel James A. Gray,

of Allegheny, has been absent from home since Wednesday afternoon, May 24th, and has not been heard of by his friends since that time. Any information that will lead to his return will be most thankfully received and gratefully acknowledged by his family, and any person having seen him since that date is earnestly requested to give information at the Allegheny Mayor's office. He is about sixty years of age, height five feet eleven inches, with grey whiskers and mustache; wore a dark suit with sack coat, black felt hat and cane with German silver head marked K. P.

More Burglaries.

Burglars are still getting their work in on the North Side, enjoying, as usual, perfect immunity from arrest at the hands of the guardians of the peace and property of Alleghenians. On Sunday night the house of Mr. William Haslage, of Spring Hill, the well-known Pittsburgh Diamond grocer, was entered by the cellar way and a lot of provisions stolen. An attempt was made at the same time to "jimmy" the door of Charles Goehring's residence, on Spring Hill, but the rascals in this instance were frightened away. The residence of Mr. W. A. Reed, formerly cashier of the Allegheny Trust Company, of Spring Hill, was recently entered by night prowlers and robbed of a quantity of silverware.

Correction.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

In our letter yesterday morning: Facts Nos. 2 and 3 were misprinted, by some means. The paragraphs should have read as follows:

Fact No. 2: Freight (flour) is carried from Chicago to any point on the Pennsylvania Railroad west of Harrisburg for thirty-five cents per *barrel*, and to points between Harrisburg and Philadelphia for thirty-six cents per barrel, while Pittsburghers are compelled to pay forty cents per barrel.

Fact No. 3: Philadelphia merchants can ship second class freight from this city (Pittsburgh) to Davenport, Iowa, at the rate of $66 per car load, while our people have to pay per car load to Davenport, $152.

The discrepancy is great enough, without exaggerating it in the least.

F. W. JENKINS & BRO.

Funeral Obsequies.

The funeral of the late Colonel Robert Anderson took place yesterday afternoon, and attracted much attention. The remains were taken from deceased's late residence No. 208 Penn street to the Cathedral, and after religious services, from thence to St. Mary's Cemetery. They were followed by a large concourse of friends and acquaintances, escorted by the military headed by the Eighteenth Regiment Band. The cortege moved along Fifth avenue to Smithfield street and thence to the cemetery in the following order: Eighteenth Regiment Band; Company A, Duquesne Greys, Captain John S. Kennedy, commanding; Company B, Ninth Reserves, Captain Becker, commanding, as escort, uniformed and armed; hearse; members of the Ninth Regiment and other veteran regiments; family and friends of deceased in carriages.

Fire in Allegheny.

An alarm from box 8, Washington avenue, Allegheny, about half-past seven yesterday morning, called the department to the locality, where the two-story frame dwelling of Mr. Hicker was found burning. The fire was soon extinguished, but as it had been burning for some time before it was discovered, the building was damaged to the extent of $300. The house was unoccupied and the fire was either the result of carelessness on the part of persons unauthorized to enter the house, or else the deliberate work of an incendiary.

The Chief of the Fire Department reports that the water supply in that part of the city, owing to the inadequate size of the mains, is exceedingly bad. A plug stream is an impossibility there, the water barely forcing itself out of the nozzle of a section of hose, and nothing but steam can do duty. Should a big fire occur in the district the Fire Department could render but little service.

Pittsburgh Mortuary Report.

The report of the Board of Health for the week ending June 16, 1876, shows that there were thirty-two deaths in the city. The diseases were as follows:

Enteric fever, 1; choleraic diarrhœa, 4; smallpox, 6; phthisis pulmonalis, 2; purpura hemorrhagic, 1; insanity 1; infantile convulsions, 2; tetanus, 1; asthma, 1; bronchial catarrh, 2; pneumonia, 3; congestion of lungs, 1; ulcer of the intestines, 1; diarrhœa, 1; metritis puerperal, 1; premature birth, 1; drowning, 1; run over by railroad cars, 1; unknown, 1.

Social relations—Married, 6; single, 23; widows, 1; widowers, 2.

Nativity—Pittsburgh, 17; other parts of the United States, 7; Germany, 2; Ireland, 4; Scotland 1; Austria, 1.

Age—Under 1 year, 11; from 1 to 2 years, 4; from 2 to 5, 2; from 5 to 10, 2; from 15 to 20, 1; from 20 to 30, 3; from 30 to to 40, 4; from 40 to 50, 2; from 50 to 60, 1; from 70 to 80, 2. Total, 32.

Localities—City, 27; Western Pennsylvania Hospital, 2; St. Francis Hospital, 1; Homeopathic Hospital, 1; Municipal Hospital, 1.

The report of infectious diseases for the week is as follows: Small-pox, 18; scarlet fever, 3; typhoid fever, 3.

Fourth of July Notes.

The joint committee of citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny having in charge the matter of fireworks for the Fourth of July, will meet in City Hall, Allegheny, this afternoon, for the purpose of framing an ordinance asking the Councils of Allegheny City to suspend the ordinance prohibiting the explosion of fireworks within the city limits during this year.

The citizens of Fifth avenue extension have decided to erect two triumphal arches across the avenue, one at the intersection of Miltenberger street and the other at the corner of Gist street.

The Central Association of colored men will have 300 men in line and other colored organizations will be represented.

City Clerk Morrow has been informed that a French organization will participate, and is daily in receipt of assurances from various quarters that every possible arrangement is being made by the different societies and organizations to make the jubilee a grand success.

Prof. Neale, of Allegheny, reports that about 400 colored men of the North Side will turn out.

Mr. John M. Roberts, D. D. G. M., of Middle District of Allegheny county, gives the following notice: A meeting of the members of I. O. of O. F. of the Middle District, will be held in the Common Council chamber, Municipal Hall, Pittsburgh, on Thursday, June 22d, at eight o'clock P. M., sharp, to take definite action in regard to the celebration of the Fourth of July. Eminent speakers will be present. A cordial invitation is extended to the D. D. G. M.'s and membership of the Northern and Southern districts, as well as the fraternity at large, to attend the meeting. Let there be a general turn-out.

A Sharper on His Travels

An unmitigated fraud turned up in Wheeling a few days ago, registering at the McLure House as Geo. W. Bushong, Reading, Pa., thus attempting to palm himself off as a wealthy banker of the city mentioned. His first transaction was the purchase of the Fulton paper mill, of Mr. John Bayha, for $12,000. Affairs had been thus satisfactorily arranged when Bushong came to grief very unexpectedly. Mr. H. C. Kilgore, of Steubenville, General Agent of the Thos. Barnes safes, and Mr. W. W. Cochnower, traveling agent of the firm, were at the McLure House on Saturday and recognized Bushong as a professional sharper. Mr. Cochnower had met him at Youngstown, Ohio, where he had, under the name of J. C. Vanduzen, a New York capitalist, victimized a druggist out of about $400, and Kilgore knew him to be a man who had attempted to swindle his firm out of $150 in this city. He came to this city from Youngstown and made a payment of $50 on a safe which he had bought. As he was about to leave the store he remarked that he had paid out all the money he had with him, and asked Mr. Barnes to cash a check upon a Youngstown bank for $150. Mr. Barnes spoke of telegraphing to Youngstown to see if it was all right, but the sharper objected, and said that rather than go to the trouble he would take back the $50 he had just paid and try and get along with that. Mr. Barnes, thinking to oblige a customer, returned the money, Vanduzen remarking that he would forward the amount in a day or two. Mr. Kilgore was in the office at the time, and saw Vanduzen, and thus readily recognized him upon meeting him in Wheeling. The place soon became too hot for Van, and when last seen he was walking toward Bellaire.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Opinion of Judge Hawkins in the Anderson Case.

Several days ago we published the decree of Judge Hawkins, of the Orphans Court, in the matter of the estate of Margare Anderson, deceased, in regard to the disposition of a policy of $10,000 insurance had on the life of her husband W. J. Anderson, now also deceased. Yesterday Judge Hawkins delivered the opinion in the case as follows:

THE OPINION.

If, as was conceded on the argument, the right to the policy on the life of W. J. Anderson was vested in Margaret H. Anderson at the time of her death, she must be presumed to have been the absolute owner until the contrary is established, her interest passed to her personal representatives as part of her estate and petitioner cannot be heard to dispute his title thereto.

Policies of life insurance are contracts to pay a certain sum of money upon the death of a person, in consideration of the due payment of certain annual premiums during the life of the insured. Dalby vs. Ins. Co. 2, Bigelow's Ins. Rep. 471. The act of payment of the premiums does not give but preserves the life of the policy. It constitutes part of the contract itself.

A policy acquires value and becomes capable of sale, bequest and descent the moment it is delivered. It does not raise a mere expectancy but creates a present vested right to the future enjoyment and possession of the sum insured. Continental Life Insurance Company vs. Palmer *et al.*, 5, Insurance Law Journal 305. Like other personal property it is essentially the subject of absolute ownership. Williams on Personal Prop. 7. Words of inheritance are not necessary to the transmission of title to it. Ed. 205. It has nothing hereditary in its nature, but belongs to the holder for the time being and passes to his personal representatives by operation of law unless some limitation is expressed on the face of the instrument itself. The heir has no interest in it except that which he takes under the statute of distributions. He draws his title through and from the administrator, who is his trustee. 4 Kent 262. Williams on Executors 1495; Gordon on Decedents 115,129; Bigelow Ins. Rep. 11; Bliss on Life Ins. 496.

There are two cases which illustrate these principles. In Keller vs. Gaylor, 4 Big. Ins. Rep. 11, where the husband obtained a policy of life insurance on his wife for his own benefit and, in case he died before his wife, for the benefit of his children, and he died before his wife *without* leaving children, it was held that the policy passed to his administrator. In the Continental Life Insurance Company vs. Palmer *et al.*, 5 Ins., Law Journal 305, when the husband insured his own life for the benefit of his wife with provision for the children in case of her death before the insured, and the wife and one of the children died before the insured, a similar conclusion was reached.

The question in the present case is not whether Mrs. Anderson had an absolute title to the *policy*—that she must be presumed to have had until the contrary appears, but whether she had less than the absolute title. By the terms of the policy the maturity of the insured obligation follows the death of the insured and is independent of the life of the beneficiary. The sum insured is "to be paid to Mrs. Mary H. Anderson, her executors. administrators or assigns" within a specified time after the death of Mr. A. No one else is mentioned as having an interest in the proceeds of the policy. The policy contains no limitation, reservation, exception, nor power of revocation affecting the interest of Mrs. A. There is, it is true, a clause of forfeiture attached to the nonpayment of the premiums, but the right to enforce it, which belongs to the insurer alone, has never been asserted. It is not pretended that there was any ground to claim it. That the contract continued in full life until the death of Mr. A. is evidenced by the payment of the sum insured. The conditions of the policy were all complied with, and the only party who had a right to cancel the policy voluntarily paid the sum insured to the party for whose benefit the contract was made, and to whom the policy directed it to be paid. No one else is interested to claim title to the fund as against the petitioner. There is no privity between him and the estate of Mr. Anderson. The act of Mr. A. in paying the premiums was purely voluntary and lacked the essentiality of a contract. The title of Mrs. A. was vested and absolute and could only be divested by consent or the act of law. The payment of the premiums did not give but merely operated to preserve the life of the contract. It did not make him either the legal or the equitable owner of the policy. At most his administrator could only claim that he became creditor to the estate of Mrs. A. to the extent of the premiums paid after her death. The sum insured was paid by virtue of the original contract of insurance, and the estate of Mr. A. can have no valid claim of title to the fund. It belongs to and constitutes part of the estate of Mrs. A. by virtue of the contract.

It seems, therefore, the duty of the petitioner to maintain and defend the title of his decedent to the proceeds of the policy. He is therefore not a "party interested" to have a review. The facts alleged might perhaps justify a suspension of the distribution, but the petitioner cannot be heard to dispute his own title and the rule must be discharged.

The only question raised in this proceeding was that of title and the decision is therefore limited to that question. The question of *distribution* will be determined when raised.

The estate of W. J. Anderson, deceased, not being a party to the record, is of course not concluded by this decision.

PENNSYLVANIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

Wednesday, June 21—Alumnæ Re-union at College Chapel, 11 O'Clock, A. M.—Class Day Exercises at 4 P. M.—Held in the College Chapel.

Mistress of Ceremonies........Effie McMillan.
Historian.................A. Jennie Wightman.
Poet............................Mary E. Brown.
Prophet........................Mary M. Scofield.
Custos Memoriarum..............Lydia C. Gracie.
Reception by Junior Class.....Margaret Lyon.
Unveiling Memorial....Anna Moore Grayson.
Resolutions and Deposit
of Records..........Francis Alberta Carrier.
Responses on the Part of
Board of Trustees....Hon. Robert McKnight.
Song. Benediction.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judge Sterrett.

The following persons were appointed Election Assessors in the districts named: Sixth ward, Second district, H. J. Thomas; Second district, Miles H. Ingram; Third district, same ward, Henry C. Starr; Fourth district, same ward, Henry C. Starr. These parties had been returned as elected to the office of "Election Register," but under the new law, there being no such office, the Court declined to grant them certificates, but appointed them to the office of "Election Assessor," to which they should have been elected.

In the case of the Commonwealth *ex rel.* George W. Day vs. J. O. S. Golden, the *quo warranto* case in regard to the office of School Director in the Tenth ward, Allegheny, the argument was had and judgment given for the Commonwealth on the demurrer.

B. A. Elliott *et al.* vs. the City of Allegheny. Bill in equity filed and preliminary injunction granted, restraining defendants from tearing down plaintiffs' barn, in the Tenth ward, Allegheny, in order to open up a new street, plaintiffs filing bond in the sum of one thousand dollars.

Orphans' Court—Judge Hawkins.

This court was engaged on the audit list yesterday.

An opinion, filed in the Anderson life insurance case, is published in full in another place.

Quarter Sessions—Judge Collier.

Henry West, was convicted of the larceny of a coat, valued at four dollars, the property of John Hanna, a railroad hand, in Allegheny.

Joseph Langan was tried for the larceny of a watch, the property of John Jamison. The watch was taken from the person of the prosecutor, during a row at the saloon of Dutch Mary, in Allegheny. The jury found a verdict of guilty.

Henry Hays, charged with obtaining ten barrels of buckwheat flour from Peabody & Co., by false pretenses, was acquitted, but directed to pay the costs.

In the case of George Faulkner, charged with desertion, on oath of his wife Nancy, the charge was withdrawn at the cost of the prosecutrix.

Joseph Herron, implicated with Joseph Langan in the larceny of John Jamison's watch, plead guilty and was remanded for sentence.

Lundy Montra, indicted for the larceny of a quantity of gas pipe from the house of James T. Sutton, was convicted. He entered the house, which was unoccupied, and screwed off all the gas and water fixtures he could find, leaving the water and gas running.

In the case of Fred Hensy, charged with aggravated assault and battery on David Lapp, *nol. pros.* was allowed.

John M. Lee, charged with the larceny of a watch on oath of J. Vankirk, was acquitted. The defense was that the property had been taken to prevent its being stolen, the owner being drunk.

James Douglass was convicted of the larceny of a pair of pants, and sentenced ten days to jail.

In the case of Floyd Carroll, charged with felonious assault and battery upon Louis Taffle, the jury found a verdict of simple assault and battery.

John Hughes was tried for an attempt to pick the pocket of a woman on Wylie avenue. The information was made by Officer McGovern, who saw the attempt. The woman was not known, as she passed out of sight while the arrest was being made. Jury out.

Joseph Bauers and Charles Winkler, two boys, were next tried for the larceny of a cook stove, the property of Ernest Frey, of Allegheny. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs. John Cochran, Frank McClintock, August Ginter, James McAlister, Louis Hartmeyer, John Tetley, John Miller, Wm. McCarthy, Peter Sentral, Cyrus Donaldson, Robert Dennison, Jacob Snyder, T. Allen, Edward Currier, Louis Winkleman, H. C. Cimiotti, Anton Wolff, Elizabeth Mess, Wm. Kemp, Michael Flynn, Daniel Ruckenbach, George Dufner, Pat. Kennedy, W. H. Porter.

THE CENTENNIAL JUBILEE.

Appointment of Ward Committees to Raise Money for the Fourth of July Demonstration.

Mr. John A. Fox, Chairman of the Councils Centennial Committee, has made the following appointments of committees to solicit funds for the Fourth. A circular has been issued also, urging each chairman to call an early meeting of his committee and communicate with City Clerk Morrow. Besides the committees, both as a body and individually, are requested to commence work immediately. Following are the committees:

Chairman—Wm. M. Hersh.

First ward—James Reese, Andrew Hartupee, Fred. Jacob, Captain Andrew Miller, Andrew Fulton, Major John Seiferth.

Second ward—Joseph M. Gazzam, D. W. C. Carroll, Captain B. Gallisath, Captain M. W. Beltzhoover, Joseph S. Finch, Major Gus. L. Braun.

Third ward—John Shipton, August Steinmeyer, Peter Dressler, James J. Flannery, Thomas Jones, Dr. Fundenburg.

Fourth ward—William Thaw, John R. McCune, W. A. Herron, James Verner, Dr. James McCann.

Fifth ward—Peter O'Neill, Joseph Hastings, Samuel Glass, John C. Reilly, Pat. Clark.

Sixth ward—G. H. Meyer, Daniel Kinzer, R. W. Pier, Samuel Morrow, Frank P. Case, Charles F. Scwartz, Henry E. White.

Seventh ward—David Reed, Dr. W. S. Foster, John McCallin, Major James B. Steen, Major R. M. Snodgrass.

Eighth ward—John Harper, Dr. J. Guy McCandless, James J. Booth, Joseph Marshall, Alderman Alex. Seanor, John S. Lambie.

Ninth ward—Hon. Peter Zern, Ralph J. Richardson, John Froehlich, James Taylor, Alderman C. O'Donnell.

Tenth ward—Dr. Jacob Ahl, G. H. Zacharias, Frank W. Weisser, Anthony Meyer, Wm. McCleary.

Eleventh ward—A. W. Rook, Major E. A. Montooth, Lemuel Googins, George Woods, LL. D., Samuel B. Cluley, Charles Meyran.

Twelfth ward—Samuel McKee, Wm. H. Kober, Robert Liddell, T. W. Welsh, Thomas Rowswell, W. J. Asdale.

Thirteenth ward—E. P. Jones, Wm. Mc Conway, C. P. Duff, Henry Murphy, F. C. Bierman.

Fourteenth ward—Henry Lloyd, Jacob Reese, Daniel McKee, Joseph Albre, G. H. Dauler, Hon. Jas. P. Barr.

Fifteenth ward—S. J. Wainwright, Geo. Garrison, Martin Heyl, Wm. Mosack, John H. Sawyer, William Jancey, Geo. McKee, Wm. M. Ramsey.

Sixteenth ward—James Hemphill, J. B. Epping, Andrew Kloman, W. C. Barr, G. H. Blum, Sam. McKinley, Ald. Nessenthaler.

Seventeenth ward—John W. Riddell, C. F. Klopfer, John J. Albietz, Geo. R. Pearson, Harry E. Wainwright.

Eighteenth ward—Christian Siebert, Chas. W. Lewis, N. P. Sawyer, Henry Williams, Samuel Garrison, Neil C. McCafferty, C. R. Leonhauser.

Nineteenth ward—Capt. C. B. Seeley, John H. McMasters, John M. Osborne, Alex Dempster, Dr. P. D. Perchment, P. H. Laufman.

Twentieth ward—Captain C. W. Batchelor, Dr. A. H. Gross, Major W. B. Negley, Christian Haus, Henry S. Baum.

Twenty first ward—Hon. Jared M. Brush, Finley Torrens, Geo. Finley, Jas. Littell, Hon. Matt. Edwards.

Twenty-second ward—Colonel E. Jay Allen, N. P. Reed, Joseph Dilworth, General Thomas M. Howe, Robert B. Phillips, Newton McClarran.

Twenty-third ward—Hill Burgwin, John D. Scully, George T. Olliver, Hon. George H. Anderson, William Lewis, Captain S. S. Brown, P. F. Smith.

Twenty-fourth ward—William McClurg, John Larimer, W. D. West, Joseph Mehler, Andrew J. Bigley, John B. Lutz.

Twenty-fifth ward—Frank E. Plunkett, John G. Fleischman, James W. Patterson, Robert Mercer, J. C. Baird, Terrence Campbell, Peter Haberman.

Twenty-sixth ward—C. J. Schultz, Christ. Trautman, Jacob Dressel, John W. Kemler, Edward Hogan, John H. Sorg, Alderman Ph. Hoerr, James D. Reed, D. Brice.

Twenty-seventh ward—August Ammon, Alderman B. A. Hartman, Jenkin Jones, James D. Galvin, Mark Fagan, Joseph Kimmel.

Twenty-eighth ward—John Adams, Dr. James Kerr, D. C. Ripley, Bernhard Welker, Louis Kuehmeisen, Joseph Keeling, James Salisbury, Daniel Wenke, Michael Ward.

Twenty-ninth ward—W. C. Aughenbaugh, Geo. N. Munro, H. M. Rolfe, Ald. E. G. Krehan, Stephen Strunz, T. B. Atterbury, John Phillips.

Thirtieth ward—M. M. Schneider, Charles Melling, Charles Menz, Richard J. Thomas, Frederick Colmes, George Kim, J. A. Fitzsimmons.

Thirty-first ward—W. C. Burtt, A. F. Feidler, John W. Turney, Charles Ott, Thomas S. Maple, Charles Foerster.

Thirty second ward—Charles S. Fetterman, Jacob Wilbert, Joel L. Bigham, Henry Meyer, Jacob Soffel.

Thirty-third ward—Henry Fleckner, Richard Perry, Frank Laughran, B. W. Stouffer, Thomas Kernan.

Thirty-fourth ward—Alex. W. Foster, Jr., Louis Aurin, Dennis Maloney, H. J. Knapp, J. D. Buckley. R. S. Hemiup, F. C. Grueneisen.

Thirty-fifth ward—John L. Vaughn, George S. Holliday, William Bond, Daniel F. Geiger.

Thirty-sixth ward—S. H. French, F. Dorrington. M. Rodgers, George Wettengel, J. P. Vierheller, W. N. Erwin, T. P. Hershberger, Adam Weaver, David Robinson.

THE UNION NORMAL CLASS.

Bible Manners and Customs

The twelfth session of the Union Sunday School Normal class was held last night in the Smithfield street church, and, intellectually, was a great success. Sidney Omohundro presided, and Miss Mary Mitchell acted as Secretary. The topic for consideration—"Bible Manners and Customs"—was ably and exhaustively treated by Professor T. Jeff Duncan, who had been solicited by the Board of Instruction to lead the class. The following is a brief synopsis of his address, delivered in a pleasant and conversational manner:

The speaker referred to the importance of an acquaintance with the habits, manners, customs, modes of living, &c., to know and understand the history of a people; and this is more especially true when we turn to the study of the Bible. It was written for the more immediate use of a people very different in civilization and customs from ourselves, and requires earnest and thoughtful study from us. We may then appreciate their moral and religious character and understand the lessons taught in their Book of books. After some extended remarks on the manners and customs of Bible people, giving interesting illustrations from the Book itself, he referred to the book of Ruth, which, he said, is meaningless, or at least incomprehensible, when the customs of the time are not understood. "The marriage at Cana, the parable of the ten Virgins and the guest at the feast unclad in the customary garment are allusions not lucid to the human intellect without an additional insight into the domestic habits, the wedding customs and nuptial practices of the age and the country of the people to whom they were addressed." Reference was made to the graphic portray of the Christian life by the great Apostle of the Gentiles. There is also an entire book of the old testament the Song of Solomon, based entirely on the usual celebration of a royal or other marriage in high life. Whether this composition, as usually considered, is figuratively a prophetic description of Christs union with His church, or merely a festal ballad which has become incorporated into the sacred volume is, in this connection immaterial, but the fact remains that the book cannot be understood or appreciated until royal life has been reviewed and wedding festivities studied.

The lecturer here gave references for study, and then dwelt upon many of the peculiar manners and customs of the Oriental world, giving many facts of interest.

Mr. Duncan's address was highly entertaining, and was listened to throughout with great attention.

The next and closing session of this interesting course of Bible study will be held on Tuesday evening next, 27th inst. Subject: "The Week-day Work of the Sunday School Teacher," leader, W. G. Mahaffey, Esq. The election of officers for the next course will be held at the conclusion of the lesson drill. All Sunday schools in the county are requested to be represented by not less than three delegates.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

A Pittsburgher Among the Claimants.

A dispatch to the New York *Times*, of Monday, reports among the judgments rendered by the Court of Commissioners of the Alabama Claims the following:

Several cases were submitted on the testimony and oral argument of counsel, one of them being case No. 993, John H. Butman, of Pittsburgh, Pa., loss of personal effects by the destruction of the Hatteras by the Alabama, January 11, 1863. The claimant was sailing master of the United States ship Hatteras at the time of her destruction, and the case was argued by General Benjamin F. Butler. He claimed that it was an admissible claim within the language of section 11 of the act creating the Court, which makes it the duty of the Court to receive and examine all claims admissible under this act that may be presented to it directly resulting from damages caused by the so called insurgent Alabama. John A. J. Creswell, for the Government, claimed that the claimant, being an officer of the United States when he took upon himself the office, contemplated all the dangers of naval warfare, and did not look to the assurance of his Government against them, and therefore was not entitled to damages.

A Hard Case.

A respectable Irish woman, the mother of three young children, whose husband has long been out of work, having earned a small sum by living at service, was making some purchases on Market street, on Saturday, when she missed her pocket book with all her savings, amounting to about twenty dollars. The honest finder will certainly be glad to know that by dropping a postal to Mrs. Rice, No. 211 Wylie avenue, he can be brought into communication with the distressed loser.

PENNSYLVANIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

An Evening of Music—A Brilliant Assemblage and a Delightful Entertainment.

One of the chief features of the commencement of the Pennsylvania Female College, was the soiree musicale which took place last evening in the college chapel. The hall was crowded with the *elite* of the East End, and the scene was a very brilliant one.

Among the more prominent citizens present were George A. Berry, Esq., Major Wm. Frew, Joseph Dilworth, Esq., Hon. John M. Kirkpatrick, Rev. W. T. Beatty, Rev. John Gillespie, Rev. S. M. Henderson, Rev. John G. Brown, D. D., Charles C. Mellor, Samuel Severance, Samuel George, Jr., Charles W. Hubbard, Hon. Robert McKnight and others. William D. Brown, Esq., of Warren, father of the young lady who took the prize was also present.

Dr. Strong, President of the institution, presided, and announced the performances on the programme.

The opening piece was a grand march from Satter (on two pianos), by Miss Mary Scofield (daughter of the Hon. Gleni W. Scofield) and Prof. Butler.

Song, "Separation," by Miss Lotta Holmes, of East Liberty.

Piano solo, "Serenade," by Miss Emma Stoughton, of Butler. This young lady had progressed very favorably with her performance and was approaching the end, when she was overcome with the heat and almost swooned away. She was assisted from the stage, and had the deepest sympathy of the audience.

Song, "Backward, Turn Backward," by Miss Annie Phillips, of Hazelwood.

Sonata, First Movement, Beethoven, by Miss Grace Watson, of Sandusky, Ohio.

Duet, "In His hands are all the corners," by Miss Jennie Jenks, (daughter of Judge Jenks, of Brookville,) and Madame Bishop.

Piano solo, "Fantasie Dramatic," by Miss Mary Brown, of Warren, Pa.

Ballad, by Miss Annie Singer, daughter of George Singer, Esq., of East Liberty.

Larghetto and Allegretto, from Concerto in D Major (Mozart), by Miss Susie Locke, of Indianapolis. The second piano accompaniment was by Prof. Butler.

Tarentella, in A flat, (Heller) by Miss Annie Singer and Prof. Butler.

Aria, "I am Titania," by Miss Etta Purviance, a teacher in the college.

Piano solo, from "Songs without Words," by Miss Mary Scofield, of Warren, Pa.

Aria, "Where e'er I Go," by Miss Lizzie Severance, daughter of S. Severance, of this city.

Sonate op. 23, (Last two Movements,) Bargiel, by Miss Annie Scott, (daughter of ex-Senator John Scott,) and Prof. Butler.

Song, "The Angel Guide," by Miss Carrie Brown, daughter of Rev. J. G. Brown, D. D.

Piano solos, "Ave Marie" and "Menuet de Boeuf," by Miss Katie Stewart, of Allegheny.

"The Quiet Night" was then sung by the College Choral class, consisting of some twenty young ladies.

The programme concluded with the "Grand March Triomphale, (Goria) two pianos, by Miss Mary Brown and Professor Butler.

Each and every performance elicited hearty applause, and called forth floral tributes of rare beauty from the admirers of the fair performers. The young ladies who received the most emphatic expressions of approval were Misses Mary Brown, Susie Locke, Annie Singer, Mary Scofield, Carrie Brown, Katie Stewart, Lizzie Severance and Etta Purviance.

At the close Dr. Strong, in a neat speech, delivered the prize medal to Miss Mary Brown, amid hearty applause. Honorable mention was made of the proficiency of Miss Susie Locke as a close competitor for the prize—a mention that was loudly applauded.

Miss Brown was then called to the platform, and, after some appropriate remarks from the President, received the prize medal at his hands, and signified her thanks by a graceful bow and a face wreathed in smiles. She retired amid loud applause.

The audience was then dismissed.

THE NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

Reorganization of the Company—List of Officers—A Chance for Pittsburghers to Obtain Relief from Injurious Discriminations.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

The Pittsburgh and North-Western Railroad enterprise is now in the hands of the following named officers and directors:

President—J. J. Gillespie.
Secretary—Austin Pearce.
Manager—John W. Street.
Treasurer—W. N. Riddle.

Board of Directors—J. J. Gillespie, Pittsburgh, Pa.; H. S. Fleming, Allegheny, Pa.; S. S. Severance, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Reuben Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Hon. S. Burke, Cleveland, O.; Austin Pearce, Harmony, Pa.; Hon. Samuel Marshall, Butler co., Pa.

Executive Committee—J. J. Gillespie, S. S. Severance, Reuben Miller.

Pittsburgh has but two doors of entrance into the city remaining open for railways: one by way of the south side of the Ohio river, and crossing above the city on the Monongahela river, which is the line proposed by the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad in the interests of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; the other *via* Girty's run route, crossing the Allegheny river and coming down the Pittsburgh side of the Allegheny river, entering the business heart of the city, and this line has been located by the Pittsburgh and Northwestern Railroad. If these two doors of entrance to the city are closed to railways, the topographical situation of Pittsburgh is such as to preclude any hope for future relief from freight discriminations imposed upon our business interests, through want of competing railway lines.

This discrimination, bearing heavily upon all industrial interests of Pittsburgh as it does, is not imposed upon them through a desire of the officials of the Pennsylvania system to injure our interests, but, having fixed full remunerative rates by agreement with other trunk lines to all points, Pittsburgh rates are made in the scale to properly compare with other general points. These compacts between competing lines are, however, broken by some one of the parties, and immediately a "railroad war" is inaugurated, cutting rates from all active competing points, to a disastrous minimum frequently, and Pittsburgh not being a competing point obtains no benefit of such cutting in rates.

It is not, therefore, high rates from Pittsburgh that injures our interests, but it is the "railroad wars" which bring disaster upon us, and we cannot hope for relief by legislation. Only when we are so placed as to give us a warfare of rates at Pittsburgh by competing lines entering our city shall we obtain relief. If the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad should control the line to the northwest, the history of the past would indicate that a coalition would be formed between it and the Pennsylvania railroad, by which the benefits to be derived from a new line would be taken from us.

In this view of the case, the persons now composing the official board of the Pittsburgh and Northwestern Railroad, at the urgent solicitation of our prominent business men, have consented to act in the representation of Pittsburgh interests and they will, if possible, construct the line immediately and hold the same entirely in the control of Pittsburgh interests, making it an open highway by which all railways connecting with it at present, or in the future, may enter our city on equal terms. The Lake Shore Railroad Company and Atlantic and Great Western Railroad have lines to Youngstown, Ohio, and will doubtless take advantage of such offers from the new line when constructed to enter our city in competition with the Pennsylvania Railroad connections.

Books for subscription to our capital stock will be open, and the citizens of Pittsburgh, in supporting this enterprise liberally, and by their general interests in the taking of subscriptions, will give a popular demonstration of the necessity for relief from the discriminating tonnage tax now so burdensome as to drive business from our doors to more favored places.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Class Day Exercises of the Class of '76.

As is always the case when an entertainment is announced at "the people's college" a large and appreciative audience gathered last evening in the chapel of the Central High School. Prominent among the number were many of the first graduates, who of course were thoroughly in sympathy with those who upon this occasion were to supply the "feast of reason and the flow of soul," at which the hosts of former years now sat down as invited guests.

While the entertainers set forth their choicest viands, the entertained showed their thorough and appreciative enjoyment of the delectable fare by a courteous and attentive attitude toward each and every performance.

The programme was a *good* one, and all of the performances were so well rendered that we almost hesitate to speak of any *one* as being particularly excellent. Class History, by Miss Ida T. Kiebl, was amusing and interesting. The subject was treated in an original manner, and the reading of Miss Kiehl was very pleasing.

Class Ode, "The class of 76" by Rowland L. Wilson received and merited enthusiastic applauses, being original witty and well delivered, in an unconstrained manner and a voice easily heard by every one in the hall. The presentation by Samuel L. Marshall to the class of 77 was highly amusing, and followed by the wittiest performance upon the programme—the reply by Mr. Hays in behalf of the class of 77. The oration and farewell address by Edwin Logan left a very favorable impression of the abilities of the speaker upon the minds of the audience. Many of his ideas were very fine and beautifully expressed.

Taken all in all, the class day exercises of the Centennial Class of the High School will prove something long to be remembered both by the pupils and friends of the institution.

The News Boys' Sabbath School.

A fair and festival for the benefit of the news boys' Sabbath school opened last evening in the Alliance rooms, corner of Penn avenue and Sixth street, and will continue during the week. The admission price is but ten cents, and all those having a leisure hour should attend and help a noble cause.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.

Commencement Exercises—Performances of the Graduating Class—Presentation of Diplomas, &c.

The commencement exercises proper of the Pittsburgh Female College were held in the College chapel last evening, and were witnessed by a large audience, composed mainly of the parents, guardians and friends of the students. That the performers all acquitted themselves with infinite credit to the noble institution of which they were representatives is a fact which need scarcely be stated, as the well-known character of the school precludes all thought of their falling below the high standard which was established long ago. There were nine graduates in the class, all of whom read essays of great merit. We append the

PROGRAMME:

Duet—Impomptu Polka..................Bissel.
Misses Merchant and Couse.
Prayer...............Rev. B. F. Brooke, D. D.
Song......................Miss Susie Edson.
Essay..............................Salutatory.
Miss M. Nataline Crumpton, Pittsburgh.
Essay.............................We Builders.
Miss Jennie Taggart, Pittsburgh.
Piano Solo....................Spinning Wheel.
Miss Minnie O'H. Darlington.
Essay...................What is Our Reward.
Miss Anna P. McKnight, Allegheny.
Essay.."Rememberance Fallen from Heaven."
Miss Nannie Martin, Parnassus.
Piano Solo—Waltz from Romeo and Juliet.......................................Raff.
Miss Atkinson.
Essay.....................The Vail is Lifting.
Miss Kate Hamilton, Pittsburgh.
Essay................................Air Castles.
Miss Carrie Weaver, Pleasant Unity.
Song—The Flower Girl...............Bevignani
Miss Lou C. Young.
Essay.....................................Mirrors.
Miss Libbie Green, Newport, O.
Essay...A Woman was the Leader of the Deed.
Miss Mary Kerr, Allegheny.
Vocal Duet—May Bells..........Mendelsshon
Misses Young and Monroe.
Essay, The Roof of the World, with Valedictory addresses.
Miss Kate Strasser, Allegheny.
Address to Graduates, by Rev. Dr. Wheeler.
Conferring Degrees.
Vocal Trio—Tempest.................Campana.
Misses Young, Merchant and Monroe.
Benediction.

The music on this occasion was of a high order of excellence. The piano solo, "Waltz from Romeo and Juliet," by Miss Atkinson, and the song entitled "The Flower Girl," by Miss Young, elicited warm applause. The piano used was one of the Decker Bro. instruments.

The address of Dr. Wheeler to the graduates was an excellent one, replete with kindly expressions for their future welfare. He closed by addressing them in reference to their duties and the possibilities which awaited them on their entrance into the world.

President Pershing, after conferring the degrees and presenting the diplomas, gave the prizes to those who had won them in the several contests during the week. Miss Fanny Houcer got the prize for proficiency in instrumental music; Miss Kate Strasser, the prize in Latin, an elegant copy of Shakespeare; Miss Annie Poppino, of the senior middle class in mathematics, the Mrs. Bishop Simpson prize, consisting of a number of richly bound books.

The next collegiate year will commence on the 7th of September. The high position which this college has attained among our institutions of learning is a matter for congratulation, not only to those immediately connected therewith, but to Pittsburghers generally, and none of our citizens who desire to give their daughters a thorough education will find it necessary to send them beyond the city limits while we have so excellent a female college as that over which Dr. Pershing so ably presides.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

THE Board of Directors of the Birmingham district schools, South Side, have in a series of resolutions denounced the action of the Central Board of Education in the recent change of text books.

The class day exercises at the High School, last evening, attracted a large audience and all were much pleased. The commencement exercises take place tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at the Opera House.

THE Directors of the Bedford district schools, South Side, have elected Miss Kate Knowles as Principal. They passed a resolution directing the Secretary to notify the different boards of directors of the South Side schools to meet for united action on Friday evening, June 23d, in regard to the removal of Prof. Huey, music teacher for the past twenty years, by the Central Board of Education.

Rev. S. F. Scovel will deliver a lecture on "Motives for Study," before the literary societies of the Pittsburgh Central High School at half-past one P. M. to-day, Wednesday, June 21st, in the High School Hall. After the lecture, there will be an exhibition of work done in the drawing department during the year. Public school patrons and all others are urged to attend.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Military Orchestra Concerts.

The German military orchestra will arrive this evening at seven o'clock, and will be met at the depot by the Eighteenth Regiment Duquesne Greys, with their band, and escorted to their hotel. The orchestra will give a concert to-morrow evening at Library Hall, and on Friday evening at the Opera House.

The seats are for sale at Kleber's, 122 Wood street.

Base Ball.

The Neshannock Base Ball Club, of New Castle, and the Buckeyes, of Columbus, commenced a game at the latter place yesterday, but were stopped by a rain shower at the end of the third inning, the score standing at 3 for the Buckeyes and none from the Neshannocks.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

GRIFFEL FRANCIS is charged before Mayor McCarthy with the larceny by bailee of $50, on oath of Hatty Garland. Warrant issued.

CHIEF WHITE intends to have the firemen present a neat and clean appearance. He will hereafter require that each member of the department wear a white shirt from seven o'clock in the morning until seven in the evening.

ANTON HOUSER was committed to jail yesterday by Alderman Roesch, of Allegheny, to answer a charge of aggravated assault and battery and one of simple assault and battery with intent to commit a rape on a little girl named Lena Harless.

COLONEL JAMES ONSLOW, formerly of this city, but now of Denver City, Colorado, has presented us with a rich specimen from the gold and silver mines of the territory named. Those curious to see a nice specimen can do so by calling at our office.

The Most Promising Avenue

now open to energetic men, leading to a lasting, profitable business, is the established General Agency of the United States Life Insurance Company, of New York—the strongest in the land—at 66 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh. J. Palmer O'Neil has charge and will give fuller particulars.

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European Steamship Arrivals Reported Yesterday.

Dispatches received at Consul Max Schamberg's European Steamship Exchange and Telegraph office, 163 Smithfield street, announce the arrival of the French line steamer Frances at Plymouth.

The New Atles Hotel,

Philadelphia, Pa., for quietness, pure ventilation, light and cool rooms are unexcelled.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Stop at the "St. Elmo,"

317, and 319 Arch street. Philadelphia. First class accommodations $2 50 per day. Street cars for the Centennial pass the door every five minutes. MWF

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desiring first-class accommodations at moderate rates should stop at the Bingham House, corner Eleventh and Market streets, Philadelphia. Terms, $3 50 per day. One week or longer, $3 per day. Curtis Davis, proprietor.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,
UNITED STATES SIGNAL SERVICE,
PITTSBURGH, PA., June 20, 1876.

The following is the daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the twenty-four hours ending at 3 P. M.:

STATIONS.	ABOVE L'W W'R. Ft.	ABOVE L'W W'R. In.	CHANGE — OR † Ft.	CHANGE — OR † In.	DIRECTION OF WIND.	STATE OF WEATHER.
Bro'nsv'lle*	1	5	—0	5	W.	Fair.
Brunswick.	12	9	—0	3	S. W.	Clear.
Cairo.......	12	4	—0	4	W.	Clear.
Cincinnati..	6	4	—1	2	S.	Fair.
Confluence.	0	9	—0	2	Calm.	Fair.
Davenport.	8	6	—0	2	W.	Cloudy.
Dubuque...	..	..	..	..	W.	Cloudy.
Evansville..	8	8	—1	0	N. W.	Cloudy.
Freeport....	4	0	†0	11	N. W.	Cloudy.
Helena......	..	..	..	..	S.	Fair.
Hermann...	13	6	—0	7	S. W.	Clear.
Jeff'r'n City	13	9	—0	7	S.	Clear.
Kansas City	16	3	†0	2	S. W.	Clear.
Keokuk.....	10	5	—0	3	N. W.	Fair.
Leavenw'th	15	4	†0	4	N. W.	Clear.
Le Claire...	6	6	†0	1	N. W.	Fair.
Lexington..	13	7	—0	3	W.	Clear.
Little Rock	12	6	—2	1	N. E.	Cloudy.
Louisville..	4	0	—0	2	S. W.	Cloudy.
Marietta....	3	..	..	..	S. W.	Cloudy.
Memphis....	20	5	†0	10	S. W.	Fair.
Morgant'n..	0	6	—0	1	S. W.	Lt. rain.
Nashville...	4	4	—0	4	S. W.	Fair.
N. Geneva*	2	2	—0	6	S. E.	Threat'ng
Oil City....	2	3	†0	6	S. W.	Fair.
Omaha......	14	10	†0	3	N. W.	Fair.
Paducah...	22	0	—0	9	S. E.	Clear.
Pittsburgh..	4	3	†0	10	W.	Fair.
Plattsm'th.	11	0	—0	7	W.	Fair.
St. Joseph..	13	4	†0	4	W.	Fair.
St. Louis....	25	7	—0	5	W.	Fair.
Vicksburg..	38	1	—0	4	S.	Cloudy.
Warsaw....	11	2	..	..	N. E.	Cloudy.
Chat'nooga.	23	4	†1	3	S. E.	Lt. rain.
Johnsonv'e.	10	8	—2	8	S.	Fair.
Decatur....	12	0	..	..	W.	Cloudy.

*Below bench mark.

LITTLE ROCK, June 20.—River still rising; 12 feet 6 inches. Departed—Ella, Memphis.

NASHVILLE, June 20.—River rising; 3 feet scant on shoals. Arrived—B. H. Cooke, Granville. Departed—Bermuda, Cairo.

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—Arrived—Peck, Pittsburgh; Johnson, Keokuk. Departed—Johnson, Keokuk; Grand Lake and barges, New Orleans; Clinton, St. Paul; City of Helena, Vicksburg. The river has fallen 12 inches. Weather clear and warm.

ADDITIONAL MARKETS.

Cotton.

GALVESTON, June 20.—Market quiet; middling 11⅜c. Charleston—Market steady; middling 11¾c. Savannah—Market steady; middling 11c. Mobile—Market firm; middling 11¼c.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

NO SPOT OR BLEMISH.
[From the Harrisburg Telegraph.]

The nomination of Rutherford B. Hayes, of Ohio, is one which will commend itself to the judgment of all who desire the defeat of the party of malignants who have devoted their time in Congress to the assassination of private character. In him they will find no spot or blemish. He is qualified to fill the high office for which he has been named by character and ability. He is an honest man. He is an able man. He is an available man.

DESERVED TRIBUTE TO AN HONEST NAME.
[From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.]

There has been no mistake made by the Convention in this matter; it has secured success in advance by deserving it. When we consider the strength of the elements that were at work to secure a different result from that reached yesterday, to foist upon the country a man like Morton or Conkling, to perpetuate, in fact, the reign of Grantism, which is but another name for nepotism and official corruption in every shape which that evil can be made to assume, we cannot too earnestly commend the men of principle who yesterday compelled the nomination of Governor Hayes. It matters nothing what forces united to bring about the result, nor what motives moved some of the delegates to vote for a man whose simple, honest worth was above their comprehension; it is enough that for once they recognized the virtue and the strength of an honest name, and paid deserved tribute to it.

WORTH THOUSANDS OF VOTES.
[From the Allentown Coronicle.]

Having been previously biased in favor of the Buckeye Governor, we cannot refrain from rejoicing over his victory at Cincinnati. He was the strongest and safest candidate before the Convention; he defeated Pendleton, Thurman and Allen in three gubernatorial campaigns, and in these victories proved his ability to cope with the ablest leaders in the whole Democratic party. The proud boast of his friends is that he never knew defeat, a fact worth thousands of votes in imparting confidence to the boys who will do the fighting in the coming campaign.

MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS.
[From the Scranton Republican.]

That the Convention which did so well in the selection of a platform of principles for government not only in the campaign but also in the future of the Republican party, should do equally good work in the selection of leaders to marshal the forces in the contest, is not surprising. Indeed from the material before them it was impossible to fail. Our preferences lay in another direction, but we have more than once expressed the belief that among the names presented the convention there would not be one which would not meet all the requirements of a good nominee. We, therefore, without hesitation accept Gov. Rutherford B. Hayes for President, and the Hon. William A. Wheeler for Vice President, under the assurance implied in their nomination, that we will not only have good generalship in the contest but, as its result, a President for the people whose administration will hold these United States to the world as a still more brilliant beacon to light nations on their way to freedom and to happiness. "Principles and men" therefore becomes a fitting watchword for Republicans, and the convention has done well in so doing.

A TICKET TO WIN WITH.
[From the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.]

In the first place, neither of the candidates is a vulnerable man. They are pure, honest, capable and popular, and the malignant Democracy will have a hard task to arraign them before the nation for misdeeds of any kind. All the evidence that has been stored up by the Democratic House of Representatives for use against "the coming men," whoever they should prove to be, will be blank cartridges in the battle that is to ensue. Hayes certainly will bring to the Republicans of Ohio, and most probably Indiana, a sweeping victory in October, and the impulse thus gained will carry the good cause forward bravely to success in November. Mr. Wheeler, who is admitted by such a shrewd politician as Thurlow Weed to be precisely the right man in the right place, ought to carry New York, even if the Democrats nominate that sleek and treacherous politician, Tilden, to the first place on the ticket. The prospect is as hopeful as we could expect it to be; and it will be improved vastly if our two nominees—pure men, standing on a sound financial and thoroughly loyal platform—have to encounter antagonists who are hack politicians, the allies of Southern rebels and the champions of the cause of the rag-money advocates.

SIMPLY UNASSAILABLE.
[From the Erie Dispatch.]

The ticket which the Convention has given is simply unassailable. It represents the intelligence, the integrity, and the convictions of the Republican party. It is a guarantee of a wise, prudent and pure administration. Our candidates have had large experience in public affairs, and have clearly established their fitness for the positions assigned them. They will command the sincere respect and support of every faction of the party. It is a ticket around which we can all rally with enthusiasm, and we shall elect it by a majority that will surprise and confound our opponents.

CANDIDATES ABOVE SUSPICION.
[From the Lancaster Examiner.]

Perhaps it is not too much to say that while Mr. Blaine appeared to be the first choice of the people, in the nomination of Hayes and Wheeler they have candidates around whom they can rally more successfully, for one thing is certain; in these men they have standard bearers whose characters are above suspicion; men never yet charged with corruption and whose records will bear the most scrutinizing inspection of Democratic investigating committees. And it is not the least in importance just at this time, to remember that the Republicans of mark who have stood somewhat apart from the party to criticise and urge the utmost circumspection in choice of leaders, have every one testified to the unblemished character and surroundings of our candidates.

MUST CONTROL EVERY ELEMENT IN THE PARTY.
[From the Lancaster Express.]

The platform is sound, and the candidates are acceptable. While the friends of Mr. Blaine may regret his defeat, they will cheerfully yield their cordial support to the ticket which has been placed in nomination. Hayes and Wheeler form a combination that must control every element in the Republican ranks. The two names appeal to local influences that will insure the vote of sections essential to success. With harmony in the Republican ranks, a sweeping victory awaits the ticket in November.

IT IS A STRONG TICKET.
[From the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.]

The ticket, Hayes and Wheeler, is now before the country. It is a strong one. The candidates have clean records. Republicans, rally to their support.

COMES RIGHT HOME TO THE POPULAR HEART.
[From the Easton Free Press.]

All over the country the same spirit of enthusiasm for the ticket is manifested. It seems to have come right home to the popular heart. It is a strong ticket—the strongest that the Republicans could possibly present; strong, because against the candidates no word of objection or fault can be raised; strong, because of the honesty and integrity of character of the standard-bearers; strong, because of the platform on which they stand; a platform for honest government, honest principles, honest money and free schools; strong, because fighting under the old Republican standard, inscribed with glowing characters, with glorious principles of free speech, a free press, free schools, free homes for free men, and freedom before the law to all; so strong, that on the first Tuesday of November it will sweep with irresistible force from one end to the other of the land, and with the same wave of popular enthusiasm, oversweep the last remnants of the Democratic party, it elects with shouts of triumphant victory, the Republican standard bearers.

AN EXTRAORDINARY COMBINATION.
[From the Boston Traveller.]

The nomination of Rutherford B. Hayes, of Ohio, for President, and William A. Wheeler, of New York, for Vice President, is a combination which in an unsurpassable degree, unites honesty, integrity and liberality.

A STRONG COMBINATION.
[From the Albany Journal.]

The nomination of Rutherford B. Hayes was strong, and the convention went on from strength to strength when they followed it up with William A. Wheeler.

VOICE OF ANOTHER BLAINE.
[From the Buffalo Express.]

The Republican Convention has finished its arduous task at last, and every well-wisher of the party can say of its work, Well done! with hearty satisfaction. It could hardly have given us a stronger or more absolutely unassailable ticket than the one we take the greatest pleasure in putting at the head of our columns this morning, and every one knows that it might have given us a very much weaker one.

HARMONY RESTORED.
[From the Rochester Express.]

By the action of the Cincinnati Convention, we believe harmony has been restored within our ranks, factional discords have been composed, and a platform and ticket submitted to the country which all men who were in any true sense Republicans, can most warmly indorse and support.

WORTHY ASSOCIATES.
[From the Bridgeport Standard.]

The man who has been chosen to lead the Republican party to victory next fall, combines in himself extraordinary qualifications for the work and for the time and its peculiar demands. He is a reformer whose record is clean, an educated gentleman, and a soldier who from a volunteer rose to the command of a division and who bears the honorable scars won in defense of his country. To second the name of Governor Hayes, of Ohio, no better man could have been selected than William A. Wheeler, of New York.

WILL GROW STRONGER AND STRONGER.
[From the Newark Advertiser.]

The nomination of General Hayes will grow stronger in public favor as it grows older. It was undoubtedly the strongest that could have been made. His life has been a constant demonstration of the virtues most needed in public office. His purity, patriotism, intellectual culture and executive force, are unimpeachable. Hon. William A. Wheeler, the nominee for Vice President, will add great strength to the ticket. He has been sufficiently prominent to be urged for the first place on the ticket, and he will do credit to the country as the President of the Senate.

MORE FROM MAINE.
[From the Lewiston (Me.) Journal.]

Let the Republicans of Maine rally around Hayes and Wheeler, assured that the statesmanlike administration which they sought will characterize the administration of President Hayes. There are great principles embodied in the platform which the country demands shall be enforced in the administration of public affairs. The country suffers from stagnation of business, from corrupt rings, and corrupt partisans. The election of Hayes and Wheeler is an assurance to business that it shall return to its legitimate channels, to corrupt rings that their career must end, and to corrupt partisans that the civil service does not require them.

WHAT THE TICKET REPRESENTS.
[From the Sandusky (Ohio) Register.]

It is a ticket representative of purity in private and public life; of distinguished ability and ample experience in the discharge of official duty; of personal strength because of high personal character in the men nominated; of unwavering loyalty to the Union, tested with life in the balances, and proven on many a hard-fought field of battle; and lastly, it is a ticket in every sense representative of the principles of the Republican party, and its best aims in the fulfillment of its great mission.

COMMANDS RESPECT.
[From the Lockport Journal.]

Thus stands the ticket—Hayes and Wheeler. It has a goodly ring and commands the respect of the country. It represents the best good judgment of the common people. It will receive the endorsement and vote of the intelligence, the patriotism and strength of the nation.

SHALL NEW YORK DO IT?
[From the Auburn Advertiser.]

The Republicans and people of New York will honor themselves by giving him a majority of 50,000 in November, and surely the Empire State will never falter under the leadership of a son so worthy in all respects as William A. Wheeler.

MR. WHEELER'S STRENGTH.
[From the Watertown Times.]

We have so often spoken of Mr. Wheeler that it can hardly be necessary to say anything of him in connection with the nomination. He would make a first-class President, and of course is eminently qualified for the position of Vice President. His name is a tower of strength in the State, especially in Northern New York, where his talents and worth are universally recognized, and every man is proud to call himself his friend.

SOUNDLY REPUBLICAN.
[From the Detroit Post.]

Ticket and platform soundly Republican. There is nothing uncertain about either. Both are worthy, and will receive, the hearty indorsement of the American people.

THE FEELING IN WEST VIRGINIA.
[From the Wheeling Intelligencer.]

The enthusiasm with which the nomination of Governor Hayes for the Presidency was received here last evening reminded us of old war times, and if this outburst is any indication of the feelings of the people we may look for a regular old-time campaign.

FROM A SUPPORTER OF CONKLING.
[From the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.]

There is no bitterness. Whatever pronounced personal prejudices may have existed give way at once to a unanimous determination to elect the ticket. All is well. New York Republicans will labor with might and main to carry the State for Hayes and Wheeler.

UNITED, COMPACT, ENTHUSIASTIC.
[From the Ithaca Journal.]

Thus is the grand old Republican army once more united, compact, its ranks full, and the enthusiasm which comes of an assurance of victory and consciousness of deserving it inspiring the heart of every individual of the mighty and invincible host.

SENATOR MORTON'S FRIENDS.
[From the Indianapolis Journal.]

Under all the circumstances of the case, the nomination of General R. B. Hayes, of Ohio, is accepted and regarded by the Republicans of Indiana as a very fortunate one, and the friends of Senator Morton are entirely willing to forget their personal preference in what seems to be the larger good of the party. The *Journal* does not hesitate to say that the ticket will give complete satisfaction to the Republicans of Indiana, and predicts a handsome majority for Hayes and Wheeler next November.

ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN.
[From the Cleveland Leader.]

With the names of two such spotless statesmen as Hayes and Wheeler on our banners, the Republican party must march on to a glorious victory. To indorse them the people have only to know them. Of their public lives nothing can be said but in praise. The scandal mongers of the opposition will rake over their records in vain for a dishonest transaction. They are the kind of men the nation needs at the helm of the ship of State. An active campaign, with thorough, earnest work, will elect them and consign the corrupt copperhead Democracy to the ignominious obscurity it merits. Let the campaign be opened at once with a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether for Hayes and Wheeler, honest money, unsectarian schools, protection to all our citizens, white and black, North and South; and the maintenance of the principles for which the blood of Union soldiers was shed in the rebellion.

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We have opened a new and complete line of Anthony Guinet's Celebrated
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We have a complete line and better value than any we have sold heretofore, from 37 1-2c to $1 50. We mention as a special bargain 46-inch wide goods, beautiful shade and all wool, at $1 00.
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We have made sweeping reductions in the prices of these goods, and offer them from 25 to 50 per cent. cheaper than last week's prices, for the purpose of closing out the entire stock. An early examination will amply repay persons desiring to purchase.
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BY JOHN D. BAILEY.
ASSIGNEE SALE
OF
FOUR TWO-STORY
Brick Dwellings,
IN
ELEVENTH WARD, PITTSBURGH.
Thursday Morning, June 29th, at 10 O'clock,
ON THE PREMISES, ROSE STREET, ELEVENTH WARD, PITTSBURGH, will be sold, by order of THOMAS F. BREEN, Assignee of EVAN EVANS, Bankrupt, all the right, title and interest of the Assignee in the following described valuable Properties:
That certain Lot, (No. 24 in John S. Shaffer's plan), on the south side of Rose street, beginning at a point about 150 feet 6 inches east of Overhill street; thence easterly 20 feet; thence southeasterly 90 feet 11½ inches to a 25-foot alley; thence southerly, along same, 24 feet 4 inches to Justice street; thence westerly, along said street, 80 feet 1 inch, and thence northwesterly 120 feet to Rose street, on which is erected a valuable TWO-STORY BRICK DWELLING.
Also, those three certain Lots, in rear of the above, on the NORTHWEST CORNER OF REED STREET AND AN ALLEY, being part of Lot No. 26, in Shaffer's plan, bounded by Reed and Justice streets, an alley and Caldwell's line, (excepting therefrom two small lots described in deed of Evans and wife, Deed Book 301, page 328), on which are erected three TWO STORY BRICK DWELLINGS, with basements.
Sold free of all liens, except a municipal lien of $92 68, with interest from October 6, 1875, and a first mortgage of about $2,500 on first piece, and a first mortgage of $2,500 on the second piece.
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LARGE SPRING TRADE SALE
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ON
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AT 10 O'CLOCK, AT
J. M. Hartford's Wholesale Auction House,
109 WOOD STREET,
485 Sample Lots will be sold without reserve. Goods open early on the morning of sale for inspection. Liberal cash advances made on all kinds of merchandise.
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OF THE
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Will be sold at the front door of the Court House, in the city of Wheeling, West Virginia, on
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At 10 o'clock, to the highest and best bidder, the property known as the ST. JAMES HOTEL, on Water street, including the Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures of every description, now in said Hotel, with the good will and custom of same.
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Terms easy. Inquire at the
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Dark Lanterns,
Fillers,
Founts,
Gas Globes,
Gas Chimneys,
Gas Shades,
Green Globes,
Hangers,
Hand Lamps,
Hotel Lamps,
Imported Lamps,
Kitchen Lamps,
Lamp Brushes,
Lanterns,
Lard Oil,
Lantern Globes,
Match Safes,
Novelty Lamps,
Opal Chimneys,
Paper Shades,
Putty,
Police Lanterns,
Pulpit Lamps,
Pendents,
Plaster Paris,
Pocket Lanterns,
Reflectors,
Round Wick,
Red Wick,
Red Globes,
Sewing Lamps,
Sockets,
Sun Burners,
Shades,
Shears,
Safety Lamps,
Student Lamps,
Do Chimneys,
Do Burners,
Side Lamps,
Smoke Bells,
Stable Lanterns,
Tin Reflectors,
Venus Burners,
Wicks,
Wax Tapers,
Bases, Opal and Bronze,
Brass Hand Lamps,
Candles for Lanterns,
Chandelier Hooks,
Decorated Shades,
Dining-Room Lamps,
Excelsior Burners,
Extension Pieces,
Expanding Screws,
Fireside Burners,
Factory Lanterns,
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